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131 Declaration of Dr. Gabriel Alvarado

Sir / Madam:

I, Dr. Gabriel Alvarado, under penalty of perjury, state that:

1. I am the named inventor of the above-indicated patent application. I conceived of the claimed invention.
2. I am also a co-author on a publication which I understand the Examiner is using as prior art. A copy of the first page of the publication showing the other authors is attached. At that time of the work, I was the Director of Research for Molecular, Cell Biology and Biochemistry for Eppendorf Netheler Hinz (ENH).
3. Dr. Johan Schermthaler and Dr. Alpay Taralp were two of my post-doctoral fellows in my laboratory at the University of Ottawa. Both of them were working under my supervision and direction, funded by ENH. Professor W. Pfeleiderer was an Emeritus professor at the University of Konstanz (Germany) at the time and he was helping us by hosting another post-doctoral fellow, Dr. Helga Schirmeister-Tichy, in his laboratory. She was also working under my direction. In the case of Prof. Pfeleiderer, my project was something new for him. I was the one who conceived of the project.

Dated: Dec. 12, 2008


Dr. Gabriel Alvarado